

# Eye Of The Hurricane: This Is Little Rock

(Editor's Note—Nine Negro students are in school, but is Little Rock's problem solved? A Pulitzer prize-winning reporter, who has been on the scene since the violence started, looks back for a long, objective look at what has happened and what's to come. This is the first of five articles.)

By RYAN MORIN  
LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—This is the eye of the hurricane, the dead center of the storm.

There is the same depressive rain, the same oppressive feeling in the air, the sense of vast and destructive forces swirling toward disaster. This is Little Rock.

A POLICE CAR siren screams in the street. People who would have noticed it a month ago look up anxiously. A fire alarm? "I've got a loaded shotgun beside my bed," says a man. If he hears a sound in the night, he will reach for it. At night the telephoning

starts, the threats and warnings. "Who is this?" A clerk. The phone goes dead. The calls come to parents. Segregationists would like to force a mass boycott of Central High School. "There's going to be trouble at school."

Better keep your daughter home. No name. They come to the father of a boy who delivers the Arkansas Gazette, the Little Rock newspaper fighting Gov. Orval Faubus. "If you don't want something to happen to your kid..." No name.

THEY EVEN come to legislators. A man's voice says to State Sen. Charles Yarbrough, "Understand you're in favor of a cooling-off period, instead of closing the schools." There's a snarl at the un-derstander's where you'll be cooling off.

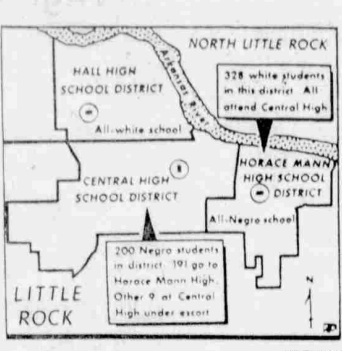
It's hardest on the parents. Most are letting their children go to the high school—and working over to what the die-hards may do in reprisal.

Some are keeping their boys and girls away—and working for a different reason. A woman in tears calls the segregationist Capitol Citizens Council. "My daughter wants to go back. She's falling behind in her studies. What shall I do?"

Soldiers inside a high school. Flights and muttered threats there used to be a "standstill." Feeling between neighbors so deep it may never be bridged. The atmosphere heavy with menace, dark and brooding.

Even seeing Little Rock today, you can't believe it. FEDERAL TROOPS in a Southern city? Bayonets point of American men and women? Impossible. All that ended 50 years ago. It couldn't happen in this day and age.

But it has happened. Force confronts raw force now. Twice a day, the power of Federal authority pushes through massive resentment to take nine Negro students to school, against



STORM CENTER—These are the schools involved in integration at Little Rock, Ark. They are integrated Central High, all-Negro Horace Mann High and all-white Hall High.

the wishes of most of the people. Seventy per cent? Eighty? Who can say?

And no end is in sight in Little Rock. Nothing has been settled. A decision is postponed. But what happens when the troops are withdrawn? Moderates can only hope. "Maybe people will get used to it." Segregationists say they are simply waiting. "We can't do much now. But you'll see."

LITTLE ROCK is a nice place. People say "howdy" to strangers. They are courteous in their cars, on the streets, in the stores. They are proud of their city. It's a good looking city, clean and bright, with tree-lined streets. There is a church on every other corner, handsome buildings, good schools. People have two interesting and well-edited newspapers. It's a good community.

Yet, in other states and even in other nations today, Little Rock is an ugly symbol. It

represents mob violence, unbridled passions, defiance of the law.

It represents the most critical clash between a sovereign state and the Federal Government since the Civil War and the Reconstruction.

What has happened here is bigger than Little Rock, bigger than Arkansas, bigger than the whole South. It hangs over all of America. The reason is quite clear. It took Federal troops to enforce a law. Now a high school has been integrated. Nine Negroes are sitting in classrooms with white children. Under guns, the law is being obeyed.

BUT WHAT of the future? If the "Little Rock Nine" should be forced out of school again, it will strengthen the hands of segregationists everywhere. Who can expect compliance with the Supreme Court ruling anywhere else in the South? Vice versa. If they stay, segregationist opposition go down like a row of dominoes.

with Little Rock the first domino?

Further, is this to be the pattern for integration everywhere? Violence, followed by the removal of army trucks and naked bayonets?

In short, for both sides, a gambit has been thrown. Perhaps, somehow, reasoning people on both sides will find the compromise. And perhaps history will mark Little Rock as the turning-point in the greatest social struggle of a century.

How did this come about? You could go back a long way. You could point to the workings at city and state politics, the operations of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the interplay of ambition and high emotion. It's an incredible story. It begins with a man who thought at 2, 20 had devised a plan for integration that would satisfy everybody — until another man, Gov. Orval Faubus, decided to use force. (TOMORROW: How It Happened)

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### WORLD NEWS

#### Reds Fire H-bomb

LONDON, (AP)—The Russians announced today they have successfully exploded a new type hydrogen bomb. The announcement said a "powerful hydrogen device of new design" was tested at a great altitude yesterday.

#### Execution Stayed

ALBANY, N. Y. (AP)—Gov. Harriman today again stayed the execution of kidnaper Angelo LaMara, this time until Oct. 24. LaMara, convicted slayer of baby Peter Weinberger, had been slated to die in the Sing Sing prison electric chair on Thursday night.

#### Snow In East, Tenn.

GATLINBURG, Tenn. (AP)—East Tennessee has had its first snow and freezing temperatures of the season. The mercury dropped to 30 degrees on Mt. Le Conte in the Smoky Mountains today, following a sleet storm and some snow late yesterday.

#### Tanker Sunk

Kobe, Japan (AP)—The 7,700-ton Nationalist Chinese freighter Hai Ming to-day collided with and sank an 887-ton Japanese tanker outside Kobe Harbor. The Maritime Safety Agency reported all 23 crewmen of the tanker, the No. 8 Nan-ki-Maru, were rescued.

#### A-Shot Fired

ATOMIC TEST SITE, Nev. (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission fired the 24th, and last, explosion of the 1957 test series at 5 a. m. (PST) today.

#### Admiral Killed

CANNES, France (AP)—Vice Adm. Pierre J. G. M. Lancelotti, 56, personnel director of the French Navy, was killed today when his plane crashed while landing at the airport here. Four other persons, whose identities were not immediately announced, also perished.

#### Our Weather

Fair weather through Wednesday.  
Low this morning—48  
Low tomorrow morning—52  
High today—74  
High yesterday—72  
High tomorrow—75  
Sunrise today 6:22 a.m.; sunset today 5:39 p.m.  
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OPTICAL TRACKER — U. S. and foreign scientists look skyward while gathered around an optical apparatus used to check the orbit of the Soviet earth satellite. From left, Edmund Habib, Navy re-

### 'Astounding Stupidity' Has U. S. Trailing In Moon Race

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A noted authority on outer space said today the Army could have launched its huge Jupiter C guided missile into outer space as a satellite last year, but so chosen, but an "astounding piece of stupidity" prevented it. But, said Dr. I. M. Levitt, "the Pentagon chose to ignore the fact that we had a device capable of launching a satellite and decided to develop another."

He said the Defense Department was deep in the development of the Vanguard rocket for launching a satellite in the International Geophysical Year and decided to concentrate on this rocket when the Jupiter C was already capable of accomplishing the task.

He said the Pentagon explained this "astounding piece of stupidity" by stating the "Jupiter was designed as a missile, not as a satellite launcher, and that work on the missile—as a weapon—should continue."

#### PROGRAM SLOWED

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#### Satellite Roundup

### Moon Watchers Hope For Photos

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Moon-watch officials said today American astronomical observations may get photographs of the Russian earth satellite within eight or nine days.

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## U. S. Plots 'Fix' On Red Satellite

### 2 Spotters Sight Moon In Flight

WASHINGTON (AP)—U. S. Naval scientists said today they have a good "fix" on the Russian space satellite, and can plot its path ahead anywhere from 24 hours to a week.

A spokesman at the Naval Research Laboratory also said that Navy scientists now know where the satellite is located at any time from 24 hours to a week.

The latest information is that the satellite is following what the spokesman called a "fairly circular orbit." The exact height has not been determined, he said, but it is a minimum of 400 miles high.

Meanwhile, visual sightings of the Russian baby moon—rocking along at about 18,000 miles an hour—were announced in Russia and the United States. One American specialist said the Soviet space vehicle, launched Friday, passes over the United States about six times every 24 hours, on a north-south course.

Radio Moscow, in a broadcast for home listeners, said last night the 23-inch space vehicle has already yielded information which it said is of great scientific value. The broadcast did not say what this information involved.

Some U. S. scientists said the satellite apparently was sending back a coded signal, and they voiced the hope the Russians would let them in on the code, so they can share in any information obtained. One Russian expert said there is no special code in signals coming from the baby moon.

#### PROJECT ROLE

The satellite project is part of the program of the International Geophysical Year. This is a project aimed at learning more about the earth and the universe.

Dr. John P. Hagen, director of the American satellite program, said U. S. plans still call for launching small test vehicles later this fall, with the firing of one-scale 20-inch satellites in the spring. The American satellite is planned to weigh about 22 pounds, compared with the reported 185-pounder the Russians shot into space Friday.

Hagen said the present Soviet

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## Pair Makes \$8,359; Mother On Welfare

By JOHN JAMISON  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

County Auditor Walker H. Busby revealed today the parent of a Welfare Dept. employee received regular checks out of the County's Poor Fund during a year in which the employee and her husband had an income of \$8,359. The employee's parent was living in the

couple's home at the time, the Auditor said.

Mr. Busby, in a follow-up report to the County Commissioners today, also said he was "shocked" that the county auditor had spent only 24 hours investigating charges against Welfare Dept. financial operations made by Mr. Busby last Monday.

Mr. Busby said he was shocked that the facts in his first report would require a 24-hour visit by a single auditor. Mr. Busby didn't say so directly but his statement plainly implied he didn't think the auditor spent enough time on his investigation.

#### TO MEET TONIGHT

After hearing today's report the commissioners voted to meet tonight at 7:30 with the County Welfare Board to hash out payments to Welfare employees questioned by Mr. Busby.

Mr. Busby had reported last week that the mother of a welfare employee had received \$2,450 from the Poor Fund since October, 1954.

In today's report Busby said the mother had lived with her daughter and son-in-law in a house worth \$11,200 which they owned until July 20, 1954. At that time they sold it and on Aug. 25 bought another worth \$10,500. Mr. Busby said the figures were the fair market value of the two houses as listed on county tax records.

#### COMBINED INCOME

He said the combined income of husband and wife for the last several years, while the mother was receiving Poor Fund payments, was as follows:  
1954—\$6,636.62  
1955—\$8,359.00  
1956—\$7,990.20

Mr. Busby told the Commissioners last week that during the period Oct. 13, 1954 to April 1955, the combined income was \$15,625.62.

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## Central All Quiet As Negroes Arrive

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—A new class week got underway at Central High School today with nine Negro students making a quiet entrance to continue their integrated education.

Principal J. W. Matthews appeared on the sunlit steps at the main entrance to continue their integrated education. A burning cross, symbol of Southern resistance reaching back to Reconstruction days, blazed on the lawn of Gov. Theodore R. McKelvin of Maryland, a critic of Arkansas' Gov. Orval Faubus, whose acts are blamed by some for fanning up racial hatred in the minds and hearts of impressionable white children in the North and South.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House reported today there were no negotiations or developments over the weekend that might lead to an early solution of the Little Rock integration controversy.

In advance of the Negroes' arrival. In contrast to last week's 30 or more armed escorting troops, only a half-dozen federalized National Guardsmen walked beside the six Negro girls and three boys as they entered school. There was no heckling although several score white students looked on from school windows or at a distance on the campus.

MONROE, La. (AP)—A Negro leader, who accused Monroe police of suppressing information on racial violence here, said today he had telegraphed President Eisenhower to ask that city police be designated as possible Ku Klux Klan sympathizers.

Robert F. Williams, president of the United Negro College Fund, said he had sent this telegram to the request of several Negroes who had been arrested on charges of rioting.

Racial violence increasing. KKK raided Negro neighborhood Friday night. Eight racial incidents, including a possible Klan plot checked as possible Klan sympathizers.

Williams said the telegram was a direct result of a card he said

#### Take Heed, Ladies, Of This News

Attention, ladies: Meet the newest member of the News' family of columnists.

She's Lee Major, whose "Around Town" column will appear in the women's pages five days a week, Monday through Friday.

Mrs. Major—a housewife with two children—will cover The News' biggest "beat"—the whole town. She'll write on just about any topic of interest to women—clothes, food, home furnishings, people.

Don't miss Lee Major's "Around Town" on page 3B today.